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what's happening at the bridge

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Our mission at the bridge Presbyterian Church is to help people

**Connect with God's people in your life
Connect with God's purpose in your life
Connect with God's passion for your life**



Thu. July 2 - OFFICE CLOSED INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVATION

Fri. July 3 - OFFICE CLOSED INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVATION

Sun. July 5 - 10:00 am - Sunday Service Facebook Live

Fri. July 10 - 1:00 pm - Women of the bridge - Zoom Meeting

Sun. July 12- 10:00 am - Sunday Service - Facebook Live

Before the service visiting time Zoom - 9:25 - 9:55

Sunday 10:00 am—Worship -FB Live

Did you miss a service or just want to watch it again?

Here are the links!

Sunday, June 7 - Facebook Live Service - https://youtu.be/oYBwY581H_U

Sunday, June 14 - Facebook Live Service - <https://youtu.be/da59cL7HwP8>

Sunday, June 21 - Facebook Live Service - <https://youtu.be/Pw2FXx0MYwU>

Sunday, June 28 - Facebook Live Service - <https://youtu.be/cWk2zPqIrgY>



The bridge Core Habits

What does a disciple of Jesus Christ look like at **the bridge**? Our core habits answer that question. Our core habits are:

*Pray daily - Worship together weekly - Welcome & Include everyone - Belong to a small group -
Give generously - Cherish children -
Forgive & reconcile continually - Serve our community*

Worship Weekly

Date: July 5, 2020

Title: Does God Just Pick Up the Pieces?

Text: Romans 8: 18-30, John 21: 15-19

The focus of the sermon on Sunday morning will be on Romans 8:28, *We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.*" It is often in hindsight and sometimes only many years later that we see how God has worked His mystery in our lives. Are there instances where this has been true for you? Perhaps prayerfully consider this verse as you reflect on your life.

The Gospel reading for Sunday morning is John 21: 15-19. How might this post-resurrection conversation between Jesus and Simon Peter be connected to Romans 8:28? [In thinking about this, consider also the background verses of John 18:15-18, 25-27--Peter's denial of Jesus on the night Jesus was arrested.]

bridge "Notes" from Patty



Probably, like many of you, I had BIG vacation plans for this summer. I had reserved this week to spend in the countryside outside of Pau, France in the Pyrenees with my daughter's family, my 2 grands, my sister, and my son. My Finnish son-in-law, Timo is a huge cyclist. He was looking forward to seeing the Tour de France in the French countryside (postponed due to Covid-19). The rest of us were looking forward to sight-seeing and mostly being together for a week. Sometimes our BIG plans take a detour. Although I'm disappointed and will miss a week with my family (especially those grands), I am very thankful for our health and being able to stay in touch on Facetime.

I'm watching this video as my "virtual vacation" this summer but I'm also trusting God that His plan is better than mine. {Romans 8:28} The Message says it this way: "That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good."

I hope you are safe and healthy this hot July week. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday. Here's a quick virtual tour of the area around Pau, France..... maybe next year?

<https://youtu.be/4qwnrLnLL0g>



Pray Daily

Prayers for:

- James Bozeman, Jr., son of Brenda and James Bozeman, hospitalized with COVID and pneumonia in Charleston, prayers for healing and recovery.
- Mark, brother-in-law of Lydia and Matt Stevens, hospitalized at NHRMC in a medically induced coma after suffering a cardiac arrest; prayers for Mark, his family, and his 11-year-old daughter Reagan.
- Jean, Lisa Myer's Aunt, hospitalized after a series of chemotherapy treatments for colon cancer; prayers for healing and strength to tolerate additional treatments (Lisa and Wayne Myers).
- Sandy Sears, recovering from sinus surgery.
- Beverly Ott, surgery to implant a GI stent (94-year-old Aunt of Marti, a friend of Susan Stanewick).
- Kenneth, brother of Rebecca Jackson, transferred to UNC Chapel Hill for treatment of diverticulitis and gall bladder complications; prayers to restore his health.

Sympathy:

- Family of David Tillman, brother of Audrey Penton, a friend of Susan Stanewick, who died this week.
- Family of Charlie Riddle's cousin, Sharon Emmons, who died on June 17, 2020.

Prayers of Gratitude:

- Troy, grandson of Charlie Riddle stationed in Washington, DC with the National Guard during the recent period of unrest, returned home safely to New Jersey.
- Shannon, daughter of Fran Rumpf who experienced painful headaches caused by swelling in her eye, is much improved as swelling has decreased.



Cherish Children



During this time, it is important to stay connected to each other and to God. Because we are unable to connect in person, the Children and Families Ministry team will do our best to keep up our "normal" Sunday morning routine of having a "lesson" with activities and crafts that go along with Dr. Doug's sermons. Families, please check your email for activities, lesson ideas, and other resources from Elizabeth Murray. Please email Elizabeth at efmurray1975@gmail.com if you are not getting the resources and would like to.

Give Generously

This week's offering is \$ 6,015.00

As you continue to give generously during this time, you can mail your pledges to **497 Olde Waterford Way, Suite 205, Leland, NC 28451** or set up direct payment where your bank will mail a check. It is very easy to set up and if you have any questions or need help, one of the generosity team members will be glad to talk to you. Just let Wanda know.

Serve Our Community



Many thanks for your generosity in providing a week of Christian summer camp for the children of incarcerated parents. Donations of 26 beach towels, 9 bottles of sunscreen, 133 individual snacks, and 105 drinks were collected. Monetary donations of \$ 1,470 were also received. Donna and Garry Phelps from Streetreach we're overwhelmed by the compassion of our bridge Church Family for these innocent children.



CHRISTMAS in July

July Sustainable Partner

Christmas in July Mission Opportunity

Once again, we have the opportunity to touch the lives of children in Brunswick County who are less fortunate than others. This program is offered to families on a pre-qualifying application process for families living at or below 130% of the poverty level. Brunswick Family Assistance (BFA) is asking for you to adopt a child/children for the Christmas in July Back to School Program providing a book bag, all required school supplies for the year, and one complete outfit of clothes and shoes for the child. Even though the return to school situation is not determined yet, the child/children will still need supplies and clothing.

Due to Covid-19, you have two choices.

Choice one would be to send a check made out to the bridge with BFA Christmas in July on the memo line. The cost of sponsoring one child is approximately \$75.00 but any amount donated will go to the program. At the end of the month, the money will be sent to BFA at which time BFA staff and Board Members will shop for the children. Checks can be mailed to the bridge at 497 Olde Waterford Way, Suite 205, Leland, NC 28451.

Choice two would be to call Greer Broadwater at 910-769-6454 or email her at greerbroadwater@bellsouth.net and request a tag for a child/children. The tag will have the sizes, age, and gender. Please contact Greer as soon as possible if you are going to need a tag to shop.

BFA will need all items by August 3rd. If you are sending a check, please allow time for snail mail.

If you need any further information, please contact Charles Jackson, Program Manager, 910-754-4766 or Charlesg.bfa@yahoo.com or Greer Broadwater, BFA's liaison to the Mission Team, at 910-769-6454 or greerbroadwater@bellsouth.net.

Prayers Are Needed For Our Mission Partners at UPRECO

Church Family,

We received this email from Rev. Dr. Simon Kabul Mbala, the Director of the Sheppard and Lapsley Presbyterian University of Congo. UPRECO is one of our global sustainable mission partners.

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord. By this message, I would like to hear from you during this period of global pandemic crisis. At home, my wife is still stranded in Kinshasa for treatment because of her breast cancer. I am in Kananga in central Congo where the covid-19 did not arrive. But as a precaution, the borders are closed and passenger planes are prohibited. As a result, the economic crisis has worsened in my province and people are suffering enormously. Schools, universities, churches and all public places are closed. Your prayers are welcome. Greetings to all our friends who are with you.

Fraternally,
Simon Kabue Mbala
Professeur du Nouveau Testament
Recteur à l'UPRECO
Kananga, RD. Congo

Because of the lack of health care, not gathering is a precautionary method to decrease the spread of Covid. We were also informed that students who are on campus are going through a period of acute hunger.

Our Mission Team's decision for the disbursement of funds collected by our Church Family has been to provide scholarships for women, with the balance supporting faculty. The area for the greatest need has shifted because of the pandemic, and we find it necessary to adapt. We currently have received \$1990 in donations. In light of their situation, we decided to send \$300 for scholarships to be used in the future, with the balance to support the university and faculty at this time.

Please be assured that your donations are being used to assist our friends at UPRECO in the most responsible ways possible.

Sincerely, Patti Pirher
Mission Elder
ppirher@gmail.com





The Hospitality team is resuming our Equal Exchange Coffee sales. Equal Exchange is one of The Bridge's Sustainable Partners. The sale of the products serves a dual purpose. First, we are investing in small farmers to become independent and profitable as well as sustaining their land while providing an organic product. The second purpose is to provide the coffee that we use for our Coffee Fellowship when we worship at the Bridge.

We currently are unable to physically enjoy Sunday Coffee Fellowship, but wouldn't it be wonderful to enjoy a cup of Equal Exchange coffee while connecting with each other on Zoom, prior to Sunday worship? **You can!** Below you will find a list of our products as well as the price. If you do not enjoy coffee, we are selling, tea, hot chocolate and for those with a sweet tooth we are selling chocolates

Ordering is easy as can be. Email Jane Jones at Auntiej1963@gmail.com or Sandy Sears at slsoct@yahoo.com. We will be offering delivery or pickup. Ordered items can be picked up at the Bridge on the second and fourth Thursday, between 11am-12pm. Exact payment of cash or check is requested to limit contact. If you prefer zero contact, payments can be mailed to the church office, with the word COFFEE in the memo and your purchases can be delivered to your doorstep. We are limiting deliveries to the Leland Area.

If you have any questions you may email either Jane or Sandy at the emails above.

We look forward to your support, as well as sharing a cup of Equal Exchange coffee with each other as we connect virtually and or physically.

Thank you,

Jane Jones and Sandy Sears on behalf of the Hospitality Committee

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
<u>Bags of Coffee</u>	
Decaf	\$8.50
French Roast	\$8.00
Love Buzz	\$8.00
Breakfast Blend	\$8.00
Whole Bean	\$8.00
<u>K-Cups</u>	
Decaf	\$7.00
French Roast	\$7.00
Breakfast Blend	\$7.00
<u>Chocolate Bars</u>	
Milk	\$3.00
Very Dark	\$3.00
Chocolate Mint Crunch	\$3.00
Dark Chocolate Almond	\$3.00
Dark Caramel Crunch	\$3.00
Milk Caramel Crunch	\$3.00
Coconut	\$3.00
Orange	\$3.00
<u>Mini Chocolate 16 per bag</u>	
Milk Chocolate	\$5.00
Dark Chocolate	\$5.00
Cashews	\$7.00
<u>Hot Chocolate</u>	
Regular	\$6.00
Dark Chocolate	\$6.00
<u>Tea</u>	
Green Tea	\$4.00

Women of the bridge

MEETING DATE CHANGED

Because the regular meeting of the Women's Group falls on a holiday weekend, the meeting date has been changed to Friday, July 10th at 1 pm



Dr. Doug will be out of the office the week of June 29 - July 5.

He will be on Continued Education Leave from July 6 - 11th.

He will be back in the pulpit on Sunday, July 12th.

Please contact the church office at 910-769-4951 or at thebridge-pres@gmail.com with any needs or concerns while Dr. Doug is away.

Misc. Announcements

Celebrating Birthdays at the bridge - July



Debbie Borgia	2
Teresa Pierce	6
Barbara Harwell	13
Sandy Kotch	19

The bridge Cookbook



All Recipes need to be submitted by September 1, 2020

The Hospitality Team is excited to announce its plans to publish our first Bridge Presbyterian Church cookbook! With your help we hope to have it available for purchase between the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, 2020. Profits from this project will go to support two of our sustainable mission partners, Hope Harbor House and New Hope Clinic. Both missions are centered in Brunswick County and offer programs to either victims of domestic violence and their families or provide quality medical, dental and pharmacy services to low income and the uninsured.

Our cookbook will be dedicated to the memory of Ann Batten who passed away in February of this year. Ann and her husband, Virgil, joined the Bridge Presbyterian Church in the fall of 2017. Ann was actively involved in the Women of the Bridge and was instrumental in getting us thinking about publishing a cookbook. However, the cookbook committee did not get up and running until the month following her sudden death. We will miss her guidance as we work on this project, but the Batten Family has promised to submit many of her favorite recipes for us to enjoy.

So here is where each of you comes in! We are asking each of you to share some of your favorite recipes and submit them for entry in our cookbook. The heart of a great cookbook is great recipes, so it is important that we include recipes from as many contributors as possible. If you know of other relatives or friends who are good cooks please invite them to share their favorite recipes with us, as well. Being a small church, we would encourage you not to limit the number of recipes you submit. You are encouraged to share around 10 -12 recipes each so that all our categories and subcategories include a wide range of deliciousness!

There will be three ways for you to submit your recipes. One way is to use the U-Type It Online feature of Cookbook Publishers. (Further information will be forthcoming with directions for you to follow to get on their website to type your recipes directly into our account.) For those that prefer not to type your own recipes on-line the committee is setting up a basket outside the office doors at the church for you to drop off your submitted recipes or you can take a photo/copy of your recipes and send them directly to kathywestphal16@gmail.com. Our committee will be happy to do the typing for you!

So, while we spend more time at home due to Covid-19, please consider spending time looking through your file boxes, scribbled recipe notes or organized folders of your family favorites and decide on the ones you most wish to share with your church family and friends.

Your Cookbook Committee,

Kathy Westphal, chair

Cathy Wilson

Sharon Wingert

Joyce Roberts

Mary Campbell

***** instructions on submissions following**

U-TYPE IT ON-LINE DIRECTIONS FOR COOKBOOK RECIPES

- Go to cookbookpuslishers.com
- On left hand side of screen under circle with "Cookbook Publishers Since 1947" Scroll down to last green rectangle & click on green button that says "Previous U-Type It".
- Login information: Login Box: bridgepresby
Password: 497waterford
- On next screen, click green edit button.
- Click on recipe box icon.
- You should now be in section for adding recipes. Click on orange box at top "Add a Recipe". Don't do anything with recipe status at this time. Leave it set to Data Entry.
- Choose a category and a subcategory for your recipe from the drop- down box.
- Type in recipe title, using capital letters for all important words.
- Subtitle box: If you are submitting a Bridge Cookoff Recipe please state: Church Cookoff Recipe (or Winner) in this box.
- Type in your name, double checking spelling!
- You can open boxes on right for Common Abbreviations and Special Characters (i.e. degree symbol). Use abbreviations for consistency.
- List ingredients, only 1 per line. Use the + box to add more boxes for more ingredients.
- Type instructions in paragraph form. Type "Note:" at the end of paragraph if there is something special to say about this recipe or for clarification. We may or may not include the notes in the final cookbook, depending on cost or how many we get.
- Preview recipe. If you find an error, please go back to where you typed in the ingredients/

